

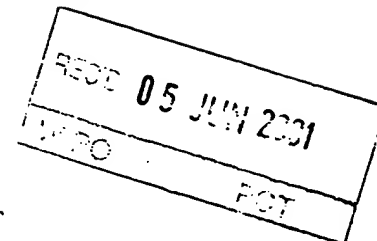
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- I ☒ Basis of the report
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- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

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I. Basis of the report.

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. statement**

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| Novelty (N) | Claims <u>3-15</u> | YES |
| | Claims <u>1-2,16</u> | NO |
| Inventive Step (IS) | Claims <u>3-15</u> | YES |
| | Claims <u>1-2,16</u> | NO |
| Industrial Applicability (IA) | Claims <u>1-16</u> | YES |
| | Claims <u>None</u> | NO |

2. citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Claims 1,2 and 16 lack novelty under PCT Article 33(2) as being anticipated by Kugai (US 5,589,772).

Kugai discloses a non-destructive testing equipment with a magnetic field generating means (6); a superconducting quantum interference device (22); and a flux transformer (21) that couples the susceptibility signal to the superconducting quantum interference device (Note figure 1 and the whole document).

Claims 1-16 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(4), Industrial Applicability, because the invention can be used in industry.

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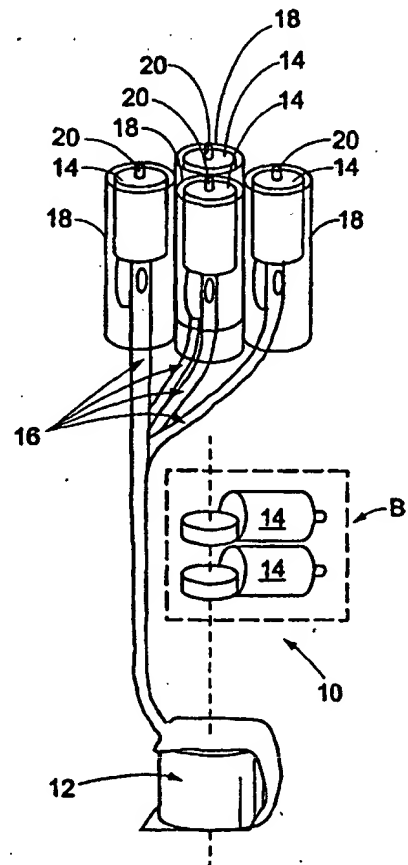
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(57) Abstract

The invention relates to an apparatus and method for high-sensitivity non-destructive evaluation of the magnetic susceptibility. An apparatus for determining magnetic susceptibility in an object, the temperature being maintained at approximately 77K, the apparatus comprising a permanent magnet (12), a superconducting quantum interference device (14) constructed from material having a critical temperature above 77K, and a flexible superconducting flux transformer (16) that couples the susceptibility signal to the superconducting quantum interference device, the transformer comprising superconducting material disposed on a flexible metallic substrate.



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